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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO MINTOFF LETTER
REF: STATE 103675

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TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO MINTOFF LETTER FOLLOWS
(ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED):

BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 18, 1978, AND I AM
PLEASED THAT AMBASSADOR LAINGEN WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE THE
IMPORTANT MEETINGS YOU DESIRED FOR YOUR EMISSARY, DR.
FELICE.

WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH UNDERSTANDING MALTA'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH ITS EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS ABOUT A GUARANTEE OF MALTESE
NEUTRALITY. I WAS THEREFORE GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE
DISCUSSIONS HAVE RESUMED AND THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
IN RECENT WEEKS. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED THE EUROPEANS TO BE
RESPONSIVE IN THEIR TALKS WITH YOU BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW,
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WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR EUROPEAN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
HAVE DIRECT INTEREST IN MALTA'S FUTURE.

WE ARE, OF COURSE, SYMPATHETIC TO MALTA'S EFFORTS TO

ASSURE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS FOLLOWING
THE CLOSING OF THE BRITISH/NATO BASE IN 1979. IN THAT

REGARD, WE FAVOR US PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN MALTA, AND WE HAVE SOUGHT TO MAKE US INVESTORS AWARE OF POSSIBLE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES THERE. I AM GLAD THAT US INVESTMENT IN MALTA IS GROWING AND THAT IT IS MAKING AN INCREASING CONTRIBUTION TO MALTA'S ECONOMY.

I UNDERSTAND THAT DR. FELICE SPOKE TO MY OFFICIALS ABOUT A REQUEST FOR LOANS. WE WILL CONSIDER THIS REQUEST CAREFULLY, AND AMBASSADOR LAINGEN WILL GIVE YOU OUR RESPONSE. SHOULD FURTHER QUESTIONS ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH DR. FELICE'S VISIT OR ON OTHER MATTERS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO RAISE THEM WITH AMBASSADOR LAINGEN, WHO HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

LETTER IS DATED MAY 8. VANCE

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